

Third District Votes 9 To 1 To Change Poll Place To Church

Thirty Percent Of Voters Expressed An Opinion

Narberth registered voters in the third district have voted nine to one to move their polling place to the gymnasium of the Baptist Church of the Evangel.

At present it is located in the Scout House at Elmwood and Essex Aves. The church is only a long block away at Elmwood and Narberth Aves.

The tally of the unique poll of opinion was 161 in favor of moving the polling place of 17 opposed. With 600 registered voters in the district this means that approximately 30 per cent expressed a preference. This about the percentage of votes cast in an ordinary and unexciting primary.

The ballot box has been in Davis Store and the deadline for voting was Wednesday at 5 P. M. There still remains some technicalities before the authority is asked to change the polling place. A petition must be circulated for the change and the signatures of ten registered voters obtained. After this the Montgomery County Board of Elections, composed of three county commissioners, fix a date for a hearing which is posted in the voting district. When the hearing has been held the Election Board makes its decision.

Advantages and disadvantages of the two places are described as follows:

Scout House:
The present polling place known as the Scout House has poor ventilation, is heated by kerosene stoves which give off obnoxious odors, has no toilet facilities and is inadequate in space to care efficiently for any number of voters at rush hours. It is felt that it might be pointed out that the structure is conveniently located in relation to the station and therefore readily accessible to persons going to and from the trains. The building is owned by the State Banking Department, and conceivably might be sold at any time, thereby obliging the district to get a new polling place.

Church Gymnasium:
The gymnasium of the Baptist Church would provide roomier facilities for the polls and its use should tend to speed up voting at rush hours. Heating, ventilation, light and toilet facilities would be greatly superior. It is not quite so near the station as the Scout House, the church gymnasium is less than a block from the present polls and should not work a hardship on any voters. Permits for use of the gymnasium for the polling place for the district has been given by the Board of Trustees and the membership of the Baptist Church on the Evangel.

HERE AND THERE

by BETSY-ANN

Last Friday the War Department notified Mrs. James W. Barnett of 143 Merion Avenue that their son, Sergeant James Barnett, of the 501st Paratroop Infantry, was a German prisoner. You know they had previously notified her that he had been missing since D Day. Everywhere you went people were exclaiming, "Have you heard about Jimmy Barnett?" The happiness people felt for his parents and the hope for his return was expressed by everyone.

Louise Barnett, Jimmy's sister, had written Jimmy's commanding officer in hope of some news of her brother. Below is part of his reply to her letter which she received last Saturday—the day after the War Department had notified his parents that he was a German prisoner.

"Sgt. Barnett's ship got separated from the formation and he jumped quite a way from the scheduled jump field. He assembled with a small group and fought for three days. Some were captured, some were killed. I believe that Jim was captured, this belief is based on unconfirmed reports. We later took the area on which these men were fighting—their graves were marked and their names were being put in a list which will be notified in time by the War Department of his whereabouts. Please try not to worry, just hope and trust for the best.

"For the work we did over there we received the Presidential Citation. Guess we'll be 'cockier' than ever now. It was not as rough as I had expected, but was the roughest I'd seen. The most beautiful sight in the world was the sloppily looking infantry coming in force up the road from the beach."

Evan H. Street, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan H. Street of 501 Kenilworth Rd., Merion, entered the Navy, August 10.

Pfc. Gilpin Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Allen of 1324 Rutland Lane, now residing at home on a 14-day furlough from Camp Mackall, North Carolina.

Lt. Robert Dowd of the Naval Reserve, wired his wife, Ruth Sperry Dowd, that he is on his way home from India.

Com. C. D. Davis and his family of Montgomery Court Apartments, left Tuesday for Naval Air Base at Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher, of Merion Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to 1st Sergeant John F. Leahy of

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Narberth School Opens Sept. 5

The Narberth Public School will open Tuesday, September 5, for half-day sessions. A faculty meeting will be held in the afternoon. After September 5, regular full-day sessions will be held.

New pupils who have not yet registered will be able to do so on that date. Kindergarten pupils must be five years of age on or before February 15, 1945, and first grade pupils must be six years of age on or before February 15, 1945. New pupils must bring their birth and vaccination certificates with them when registering.

Merion Boy, 13, Is First Polio Victim

Thomas Warns Against Swimming In Township

The first case of infantile paralysis to be reported in Lower Merion Township this year occurred on Wednesday, August 9, when James A. Dunlap, 13, of 517 Eclair Rd., Merion, was diagnosed as a victim of the disease.

James was taken ill at the Y. M. C. A. camp at Downingtown and 72 other children who were in attendance are quarantined at their homes by their local boards of health under observation. The camp has been closed.

The boy's condition is reported as good. Apparently a light case, only one arm and shoulder are affected, his mother said, and the Sister Kenny treatment was started as soon as the diagnosis was confirmed. He is responding splendidly, Mrs. Dunlap reported.

No Cases Nearby
James' case is the first in this section. Haverford Township has no cases so far this year, nor has Narberth. Last year, Lower Merion Township had no cases. In 1942, there was one, and in 1941, ten cases.

Robert J. Thomas, health officer for Lower Merion Township, said yesterday that although the disease has struck early this year, he did not consider it yet as of epidemic proportions.

He listed the following precautionary measures and urged their observance by every resident of the township:

Do not swim in polluted water. The streams of the township are NOT safe for swimming.

Avoid fatigue. Get plenty of rest.

Avoid sudden chills, such as diving into cold water when overheated.

Campaign against house flies. They are believed to be carriers of the disease.

Other diseases reported during the week ending August 11 were two chickenpox and two mumps.

Registration Day Is Added at Narberth

September 18 and 21 Listed For Residents' Convenience

An additional day for voting registration has been fixed for Narberth, it was announced this week.

Traveling registrars of the Montgomery County Registration Commission will sit at Elm Hall, Forrest Ave., Narberth, on Monday, September 18. The registrars will also sit on Thursday, September 21, at Elm Hall as previously announced.

Any persons not registered, young men and women who have come of age (21 years on or before November 8, 1944) and those previously registered who have moved from another county in the State or whose registration has lapsed due to failure to vote for two years, may appear and become registered. It is also urged that women who have changed their name through marriage appear and re-register under their married names so as to eliminate possible confusion.

Registrars will be in Lower Merion September 25, 26 and 27 at the Township Building, Ardmore, and other localities throughout the Township.

Helen Blake Is Made Ensign

Helen T. Blake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Blake, 506 Rock Avon Rd., Narberth, has been commissioned an ensign in the WAVES.

A graduate of Lower Merion High School in 1939, Ensign Blake attended West Chester State Teachers College before entering the service.

Local Swat King Leads Parade



Narberth's Buddy Walker, perennial Main Line League baseball champion, is making local swat history again.

He's currently celebrating his 31st season by leading the parade in the runs batted in department of the league. In 14 games, Buddy has knocked across 16 tallies and has a batting average of .263, which in itself isn't anything to get excited about except that Buddy is 46 and a grandfather.

Walker, whose full name is Martin Van Buren Walker, has worked for the Philadelphia Gas Works since 1933. A carpenter by trade, he is employed in rebuilding and repairing automotive equipment in the company's transportation division at 8th and Montgomerie Aves.

The father of five boys and two girls, he received word three weeks ago of the death of his son, William, 18, in action in Italy on July 12. Two other sons, Al and John, are also in the army overseas.

"Are you going to play any more baseball?" he was asked by a sports writer who was thinking of Babe Ruth's retirement.

"I suppose so. I don't see why not," Buddy replied.

Boy Scouts to Aid In Salvage Drive

Bryn Mawr Troop 3 Won District Meet Last Friday

Boy Scout troops and Cub packs of the Main Line will take a vigorous part in the waste paper collection campaign.

L. B. Curtis, district commissioner, has called a meeting of all Scoutmasters and Cubmasters to be held this Friday evening at the Ardmore Y. M. C. A. to launch the drive.

L. K. Bontin, chairman of the Philadelphia Paper Salvage Committee, and Dr. Howard Wayne Smith, chairman of the Lower Merion Council of Defense, will address the Scouts.

Bryn Mawr Winner
Bryn Mawr Troop 3, Boy Scouts, of the Church of Our Mother of Good Counsel, was the winner at the Main Line District meet last Friday night, at the Haverford College Athletic Field.

The Bryn Mawr troop placed first in the tug-of-war and sign-nalling, took fourth place in knot-tying and fifth place in the 100 yard dash. It was the only troop to place in all four events.

Ardmore Troop 1, of the Ardmore Presbyterian Church, took second place in the meet. Ardmore Troop 2, of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, came in third; Merion Troop 1, of the Friends Meeting House, came in fourth; and Radnor Troop 1, of the Wayne Presbyterian Church, and Ardmore Troop 3, of the Ardmore Methodist Church, tied for fifth place.

Eighty-seven Scouts and 37 Scouters attended the meet. Twenty-one troops were represented.

An unusual affair was a demonstration of wood-chopping by the national age champion. He cut through a 12 inch elm log in 54 seconds, and threw an axe in such a way as to cut in two a chip placed on a log some distance away.

Virgil Woodcock, assistant scoutmaster of Bryn Mawr Troop 1, was in charge of first aid.

Winners in the various events were:

Tug-of-war—1, Bryn Mawr; 2, Ardmore 2; 3, Ardmore 1; 4, Rosemont.

Knot-tying—1, Ardmore 1; 2, Ardmore 2; 3, Ardmore 4; 4, Bryn Mawr; 5, Wayne 1.

Signalling—1, Bryn Mawr; 2, Radnor 1.

100-yard dash—1, Merion 2; 2, Ardmore 3; 3, Ardmore 7; 4, Gladwyne 1; 5, Bryn Mawr 3.

109,000 Widows Receiving Benefits

The distribution of the million "social security" benefits now in force illustrates vividly the family importance of Federal old-age and survivors insurance. H. C. Hoover, manager of the Norristown office of the Social Security Board pointed out yesterday.

While many persons think the program provides benefits only in old age, Mr. Hoover said, it is significant to note that nearly 40 per cent of the million beneficiaries are children and young widows who have children receiving \$2.15 a month in benefits, and 288,000 children of deceased or retired workers receiving \$3,550.00 a month.

When wives of retired beneficiaries, who must be 65 to be eligible, and the 65-and-above widows of insured workers who have died are added to the young widows and children, Mr. Hoover said, the family value of the program shows up even more—with approximately 600,000 women and children and about 400,000 aged men on the benefit rolls.

807 Pints of Blood Donated In Drive

The Main Line Branch of the American Red Cross reports a total of 807 pints of blood donated by volunteers during the recent drive from August 7 to 10.

W. D. Stapp, 559 Heath Road, Merion; Mrs. W. A. Fox, 31 Narbrook Park, Narberth; Mrs. Emily Bowen, 230 Rock Glen Road, Penn Wynne; Mrs. Elizabeth K. Long, 20 Wellington Road, Ardmore; Miss Sue Swartzlander, 107 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore; Mrs. Dorothy Knapp, 2416 Hollis Road, Merion; George Pasfield, 9 Langdon Lane, Narberth; and Mr. H. E. Jones, Autocar Company, Ardmore, were the eight donors who are now members of the Gallon Club.

Six donors passed the Gallon Club mark.

4 New Records Set At Colonial Village

All Records for Free Style Events Were Shattered In Meet

Four new records were set at Colonial Village in the weekly swimming meet Tuesday afternoon as both the weather and the competition waxed quite warm. The leaders in the competition for the President's cup struggled valiantly to gain in point totals but it was not they who set the new records. Only Lena Lamb, who ranks third with 62 points, was able to get in this select group of new title holders. Dana who lives in Wayne, bettered the time of Lorie Martin, of Cynwyd, when she raced 50 yards free style in 43.7 seconds. The previous record was 44.8 seconds.

Blair Murphy, of Gladwyne, nosed out Art Beamish in the 50-yard free style race for Junior boys to set a new record of 37.8 seconds. The previous record of 38.4 seconds was held by Art Beamish, of Wynnewood.

Ruth Marley, of Overbrook, in a very close race won over Betsy Webber, of Ardmore, and Jeanne Brangan, also of Ardmore, to set a new record of 16 seconds in the 25-yard free style race for girls. The previous record of 16.2 seconds was held by Jeanne Brangan.

Betsy Webber, of Ardmore, set a new record of 40.1 seconds in the 50-yard free style race for girls of any age. Jeanne Brangan, of Ardmore, held the old record at 40.4 sec.

Dudley Foster, of Striford, with two blue ribbons, two red ribbons and a white one, totaled 17 points.

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Takes First Game In League Playoff

Clinches Game in 9th To Defeat Narberth Team 5 to 4

Taking a two run lead in the first inning, Our Mother of Good Counsel took the first game in a two out of three game series, to determine the champion of the Main Line Junior Baseball League, when it defeated Narberth Boys Club, 4 to 3, Sunday afternoon, August 13, in the latter's home field. The second game will be played Sunday, August 20, on the Polo Field in Bryn Mawr, starting at 2:30 P. M.

Ray Desert registered 12 strikeouts while allowing Narberth only six hits. Jefferies fanned 10 while allowing eight hits.

With two out in the first inning, Sweeney beat out an infield hit for a single, and Domenick followed with a home run deep in left center field to give Desert a two run lead for Good Counsel.

In the sixth Domenick walked, and scored on a double by Hammonds to increase the visitors' lead to 3 to 0.

After being held to three scattered hits in the first six innings, Narberth tied up the ball game in their half of the seventh when, after two were out, Powell got on base on Coladonato's error. Joyce then walked; a single by Shepherd scored Powell; and Joyce and Shepherd scored on McQuiston's triple to right center field.

In the eighth, Good Counsel again took the lead when Sweeney singled, advanced to second on Desert's infield out, and scored on McDermott's double to right field.

Good Counsel added another in the ninth to make the score 5 to 3 as Cantwell led off with a single, advanced on Quinn's infield out.

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Squire Denounces Borough Disposal Of Abandoned Bicycles

Former Main Line News Man on Staff Of Camp Paper

Pvt. James H. Smyth, formerly associated with Lower Merion Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the Bala-Cynwyd-Merion News and the Main Lineer, writes us from Ft. McClellan, Alabama, where he was a member of the editorial staff of The McClellan Cycle, a U. S. Army camp publication.

Pvt. Smyth, who formerly lived in Bala-Cynwyd, writes: "I am sending you a copy of our camp newspaper which we get out once a week and as a member of the staff I have gone back to a lot of stuff I used to do when I worked with you on the Lower Merion Newspapers. Like all other weekly newspapers we do all sorts of jobs from reporting to proof setting to proof reading and what up the week by delivering papers about the camp. The only thing we don't worry about is the advertisers since Uncle Sam is our one and only patron."

Since this letter was written on July 28 Pvt. Smyth was discharged because of age and is now living at 5413 Ridge Ave., Roxborough, where his wife made her home while he was away.

Brookline Plays For Fourth Place

Winner To Oppose Second Place Manoa In Playoffs

Barely catching their breath after one of the closest and giddiest finishes in the long history of the Main Line Baseball League, two contenders for the title will start play Sunday in the preliminary playoffs, while two others will go to the mat to determine which shall compete in a similar series.

Narberth's defending champions, finishing in first place for the second straight year, opens its playoff drive against third place Bartram at Narberth's Community Field, Narberth, at 3 P. M. The team first winning three games out of the scheduled five will qualify for the championship series.

Manoa A. A. finalist last year wound up in second place but will be idle this week, while Brookline and Collegeville settle the argument as to which will be Manoa's playoff opponent. The Hares and Colonsels finished in a tie for fourth place, necessitating an extra game to decide the position at neutral Veterans Park, Darby and Manoa Rds., Brookline, Sunday at 3 P. M.

Manoa helped create this tie by finishing off Brookline, 4-2, in its final game last Sunday while Collegeville was drubbing last place Ardmore, 9-4, thereby ending the Colonsels' four game losing streak.

If Manoa has an inkling as to which team will be its rival, it knows a lot more than the regular collector was not working, and the new man was not familiar with the rounds.

Narberth living East of Narberth Ave., and on the South side of Narberth will be notified that their garbage collection will be changed from Saturday to Friday.

Services Held For A. L. Nicholson

Body Found Floating In Schuylkill River Last Week

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at William Frankendorf's undertaking parlors in Ardmore for Alfonso Nicholson, 119 Grandview Rd., Ardmore, whose body was found in Schuylkill River near Flatrock Dam by two fishermen a week ago Wednesday.

The two fishermen were Leroy Daniels of 1338 Poplar St., Philadelphia, and Gerald McKoon of 1509 River Rd., West Mount Airy. Daniels said that he had passed Nicholson sitting in his car about 4:30 P. M., listening to the baseball game on the radio. Daniels asked him what the score was and Nicholson replied that it was 3 to 2.

About 7:30 Daniels came back to the car and there was no one in it, he said. Shortly afterwards he saw what appeared to be a man's body in the river. He telephoned Lower Merion Police.

Coroner W. J. Rushon, who investigated the case gave suicide as the cause of death. He had attempted to take his own life March 6 by slashing his wrists and throat.

Nicholson would have been 89 years old today. He was married and proceedings for a divorce were almost complete. On receiving his divorce he was to be married to Ruth Carlin of 119 Grandview Rd., where he had a room in the home of Miss Carlin's mother.

He had been in the real estate and insurance business at 27 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, until some months ago when he moved to the Times Medical Building, Suburban Square. He was a member of the Main Line Kiwanis Club.

A brother, John, in the Army and a sister, Mrs. John Barry of the Bala Golf Club, survive.

Relief Payments Drop

State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner reported that direct relief payments made to needy residents of Montgomery County during the week ended today show a decrease of \$2.00 under those of the previous week.

Payments for the week totaled \$884.10 which was \$153.40 less than those of the comparable week of last year.

Pitching Champ



JIM CRAIG

Narberth pitcher who topped the Main Line League with 11 victories and only two defeats. He'll oppose Bartram in play off opener at Narberth Sunday.

L. M. - Narberth GOP Women Meet

New Program to Start Oct. 25; List Plans for '44-'45 Season

Mrs. John Y. Huber, Jr., president of the Lower Merion-Narberth Council of Republican Women, entertained 15 members of the Council executive board at her home Tuesday followed by a board meeting when plans for next year's program were discussed.

The 1944-1945 program will start with a tea on October 24 at the home of Mrs. Owen J. Toland of Aubrey Road, Wynnewood. Some of the outstanding features scheduled for the coming season are:

Delegates will attend the 22nd annual convention of the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women at Harrisburg on November 14, 15 and 16. The theme of the convention will be "The Republican Patterns of the Future."

On December 5 a Christmas Party will be held at the home of Mrs. Huber, Council president.

The January meeting will be devoted to an international topic and at the February meeting a national subject will be presented. A discussion of Pennsylvania's Legislative and Post War Plans is slated for an evening meeting on March 20.

"Socialized Medicine" will be discussed on April 24 at a luncheon meeting when officers will also be elected.

The speakers for these meetings will be announced later by Mrs. Carl H. Zopf, Council vice-president and program chairman.

Also at the Tuesday meeting, board members endorsed resolutions which "reaffirm our faith in the Merit System" and "recommend that women be employed on the basis of their qualifications for an occupation without discrimination."

Billiard Cues Are Requested, Red Cross

The chairman of the Camp and Hospital Committee of the Red Cross has received requests for billiard cues, a No. 4 ball, and a triangle to be used by the servicemen attached to the Haverford College Unit.

Donations may be left at the Main Line Headquarters, Montgomery Ave., and St. Georges Rd., Ardmore, or call Ardmore 3100 to arrange collection.

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Main Line Baseball League PITCHING RECORDS Season 1944

Player	Team	GP	IP	HO	SO	BB	W.	L.	P.C.
Litwhiler, Manoa		3	23	19	14	3	1	0	1.000
Hedrick, Brookline		1	9	4	2	5	1	0	1.000
O'Donnell, Manoa		2	11	10	4	8	1	0	1.000
Sobczak, Narberth		1	6 2/3	6	2	3	1	0	1.000
Heststein, Bartram		1	2 1/3	0	2	0	1	0	1.000
Craig, Narberth		15	114	89	75	16	11	2	.846
Cantwell, Manoa		10	81 2/3	58	41	12	6	2	.750
L. Smith, Brookline		4	30	32	25	9	2	1	.667
Sullivan, Bartram		9	57	52	22	35	3	2	.600
Nace, Collegeville		14	86 1/3	80	71	34	6	1	.500
McCunney, Bartram		4	18 2/3	28	11	12	1	1	.500
Aspell, Brookline		11	68 2/3	71	61	26	3	5	.375
McLeod, Ardmore		11	54	63	36	35	2	5	.286
Le Robinson, Ardmore		4	23	28	5	7	1	3	.250
Tunnell, Brookline		1	1 2/3	5	0	4	0	1	.000
Tomlinson, Narberth		1	9 1/3	11	7	8	0	1	.000
Palmer, Brookline		1	1	1	1	1	0	0	.000
Hallman, Collegeville		3	16 1/3	18	14	4	0	1	.000
Heberton, Ardmore		4	15	18	11	10	0	1	.000
Millis, Collegeville		4	17 2/3	25	6	2	0	1	.000
McClure, Collegeville		1	8 2/3	9	3	1	0	1	.000
Higgins, Ardmore		2	6	3	7	3	0	0	.000
Alison, Manoa		2	9 1/3	17	6	5	0	2	.000
Burns, Ardmore		4	26	26	10	11	0	3	.000
Taylor, Brookline		8	4	12	3	3	0	0	.000
Slavinski, Collegeville		1	1	1	1	1	0	0	.000
C. Spellman, Brookline		1	1	2	2	0	0	0	.000
C. Woodring, Narberth		1	1	0	1	0	0	0	.000
Bibrosch, Ardmore		1	1	7	0	1	0	0	.000
Ash, Ardmore		1	3	1	0	0	0	0	.000

